A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Rs. 600.

(*b*) (i)

	Village	*No. of families*
1.	Haranahalli ...	1
2.	Kurubarahalli ...	1
3.	Arekere ...	2
4.	Vaderahalli ...	1
5.	Kadalamage ...	1

(ii) Bullocks were purchased and distributed.

Prisons and Jail Reforms.

Q.—658. Sri S. GOPALA GOWDA (Sagar-Hosanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of prisoners that are at present in the various jails (including Bellary) of the State (details to be furnished jailwar, *re* the number convicted, the number under trial, the number of juveniles and the number of males and females) ;

(*b*) of them, the number of life-long prisoners in the Central Jail, Bangalore ;

(*c*) of them, whether there are any who are in jail for a period more than that required by law ;

(*d*) whether they have received any representation from these prisoners requesting for mass release or concessions ;

(*e*) the number of prisoners that are being made use of every day for the construction of Vidhana Soudha building ;

(*f*) whether they are being given wages for the work done ;

(*g*) the action taken by them till now for the general reforms of Jails ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) 1. Central Jail, Bangalore :

	Males	*Females*	
Convicts	681	21	
Under-trials	191	7	
Juveniles	7	5	
Total	879	33	=912

2. Mysore Jail, Mysore :

Convicts	238	1	
Under-trials	31	2	
Juveniles (under-trials)	4	...	
Total	273	3	=276

3. Central Jail, Bellary :

Convicts	129	...	
Under-trials	3	...	
Juveniles	...	...	
Total	132	...	=132

4. Alipuram Jail, Bellary :

Convicts	1,138	...	
Under-trials	...	...	
Juveniles	...	....	
Total	1,138	...	=1,138

(*b*)

Males	*Females*	*Total*
130	8	138

(*c*) Nil.

(*d*) Nil.

(*e*) Not exceeding 200 prisoners.

(*f*) Yes. They are being given wages according to the quality and quantity of work done and gauged by the Public Works Department.

(*g*) A list of important items of reforms introduced in Prisons in the State in accordance with the recommendations of the Prison Reforms Committee is appended herewith. Further reforms contemplated are noted below :—

(1) The relaxation of rules in respect of the release of prisoners on parole and extending the period of parole.

(2) Extending the benefit of remission system to prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for short periods of less than six months.

(3) Provision for indoor games and outdoor games.

(4) Restoration of pre-ration scale of diet to prisoners in jails and lock-ups.

(5) Starting of a shop in the Jails for the benefit of prisoners to purchase sweets, tobacco, jaggery, betel leaves, etc., from out of their earnings.

(6) Cultural activities like drama, etc., in the jail and later if found satisfactory in open theatres.

(7) Framing of rules for implementing the Mysore Borstal Schools Act, 1943 and the Mysore Children Act, 1943, and

(8) Framing of rules for the release of well behaved prisoners on probation system and establishing private Certified Schools and Rescue Homes.

1. Amenities and indulgences shown to condemned prisoners.
   G.O. No. P. 5250-52—Pris. 62-41-6, dated 19th May 1942.
2. Provision of recreation to female prisoners.
   G.O. No. P. 5405-15—Pris. 62-41-9, dated 27th May 1942.
3. Interviews with prisoners—simplification of procedure.
   G.O. No. P. 5716—Pris. 62-41-10, dated 22nd June 1942.
4. Simplification of procedure for interviews.
   G.O. No. P. 5831—Pris. 62-41-12, dated 27th June 1942.
5. Medical attendance on female prisoners.
   G.O. No. P. 78—Pris. 62-41-13, dated 1st July 1942.
6. Use of books by prisoners—supply of writing materials.
   G.O. No. P. 466—Pris. 6-41-15, dated 20th July 1942.
7. Annual grant to the Jail libraries.
   G.O. No. P. 467—Pris. 62-41-11, dated 20th July 1942.
8. Issue of butter-milk to prisoners.
   G.O. No. P. 6699-709—Pris. 2-42-4, dated 7th July 1942.
9. Abolition of corporal punishments in Jails.
   G.O. No. P. 698—Pris. 2-42-3, dated 27th July 1942.
10. Enhancement of scale of clothing and toilet articles to female prisoners.
    G.O. No. P. 853-4—Pris. 2-42-7, dated 1st August 1942.
11. Increase in the quantity of soup and curry issued to prisoners.
    G.O. No. P. 1081-82—Pris. 7-42-14, dated 15th August 1942.
12. Classification of prisoners into A, B and C and the treatment accorded to each class based on their social status, education, habit of life and the nature of offences committed.
    G.O. No. P. 1719-29—Pris. 2-42-15, dated 10th September 1942.
13. Division of casual offenders into star and ordinary.
    G.O. No. P. 878-3—Pris. 2-42-8, dated 4th August 1942.
14. Conversion of gratuity into remission of sentence.
    G.O. No. P. 882-3—Pris. 2-42-9, dated 4th August 1942.
15. Gratuity earned to be treated as the prisoners' own property.
    G O. No. P. 884—Pris. 2-42-10, dated 4th August 1942.
16. Employment of convict warders outside the barracks.
    G.O. No. P. 3220—Pris. 20-43-4, dated 8th November 1943.
17. Seggregation of youthful offenders from others.
    G.O. No. P. 3951—Pris. 20-43-5, dated 14th December 1943.
18. Issue of wheat diet to prisoners.
    G.O. No. P. 7943-53—Pris. 20-43-8, dated 23rd June 1944.
19. Training of Warders in Central Jail, Bangalore.
    G.O. No. P. 1032-42—Pris. 20-43-10, dated 12th August 1944.
20. Treatment of under-trial prisoners.
    G.O. No. P. 2853-66—Pris. 27-44-8, dated 13th November 1944.
21. Training of prisoners as nursing orderlies.
    G.O. No. P. 5950-2—Pris. 27-44-35, dated 24th February 1945.

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22. Arrangement for interviews with prisoners.
G.O. No. P. 6184—Pris. 27-44-4, dated 9th March 1945.
23. Training of female prisoners in spinning, tailoring, etc.
G O. No. P. 7353-55—Pris. 27-44-57, dated 11th May 1945.
24. Open air recreation to prisoners.
G.O. No. P. 8271—Pris. 27-44-6, dated 29th June 1945.
25. Systematic introduction of outside influences in the form of lectures and addresses on lay subjects to the prisoners.
G.O. No. P. 2672-3—Pris. 27-44-71, dated 18th October 1945.
26. Separation of different classes of prisoners.
G.O. No. P. 3266—Pris. 27-44-80, dated 7th November 1945.
27. Vocational training of prisoners in industries.
G.O. No. P. 3335—Pris. 27-44-54, dated 8th November 1945.
28. Release of female prisoners in advanced stages of pregnancy.
G O. No. P. 4037-48—Pris. 24-45-11, dated 10th December 1945.
29. Abolition of whipping as a sort of punishment.
G.O. No. P. 6632-4—Pris. 24-45-22, dated 29th May 1946.
30. Appointment of a Chief Technical Instructor.
G.O. No. P. 6652-4—Pris. 24-45-22. dated 29th May 1946.
31. Employment of prisoners on agricultural work.
G.O. No. P. 7131—Pris 24-45-26, dated 26th June 1946.
32. Release of prisoners on parole.
G.O. No. P. 3010—Pris. 32-44-4, dated 31st October 1945.

The following enactments were promulgated :—

(1) The Mysore Prisons Act, 1943.
(2) The Mysore Borstal Schools Act, 1943.
(3) The Mysore Children Act, 1943.
(4) The Mysore Probation of Offenders Act, 1943.

Non-Official Advisers to District Board Special Officers—(Appointment of)

Q.—775. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether non-official advisers will be appointed to advise the Special Officers to carry on the District Board work till elections are held ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

There is no such proposal under consideration now.

Agreement with Mining Companies (Opinion of Law Department).

Q.—808. Sri SYDNEY A. THOMAS (Nominated).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the date on which the opinion of the Law Department was received stating that the 1949 Agreement with the Mining Companies was void "*ab initio*";

(*b*) whether they would place a copy of this opinion *in extenso* on the Table of the House ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) and (*b*) The information is of a confidential nature and cannot be furnished in the public interest.

Bangalore Transport Company (Nationalization).

Q.—812. Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Molakalmuru).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to take over B.T.C. (Bangalore Transport Company) and run it themselves ;

(*b*) the assets and liabilities of B.T.C. ;

(*c*) the dividend that the company distributed for 1953-54 ?